

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 prior to the mailing of a first Office Action. The enclosed check covers the \$88 fee for two independent claims in excess of three for a small entity. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment. However, if any additional fee is found to be due, please charge the fee, or credit any overage to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

As amended, claims 1 - 20 are pending in the application. Claims 19 and 20 have been added to the application and are discussed below. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

New Claims

New claims 19 and 20 are based upon original claims 1 and 11, respectively. New claims 19 and 20 have been added to clarify the scope of the invention claimed. In particular, new claims 19 and 20 clarify that the resiliently flexible tongue is not necessarily connected to the release button, as illustrated in the drawings. The tongue may also be connected to the housing or back plate (see paragraph 0030 of the specification).

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Conclusion

It is believed that the pending claims are patentable. An early examination and Office Action is solicited. If direct communication will expedite the allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for applicants.

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